

GALLERY NEWS AUTUMN 2022

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Cowra Regional Art Gallery
19 March – 1 May 2022

ARCHIBALD PRIZE

2021

Art Gallery NSW
Presenting partner
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An Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition

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FROM THE GALLERY DIRECTOR

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

During Summer the Gallery presented an exciting and enjoyable program commencing with a multi-layered exhibition of mixed media artworks by Blue Mountains-based artist Adrienne Doig. The exhibition titled *Adrienne Doig: It's All About Me!* was whimsical and colourful exploring the everyday in the artist's life, as well as, universal themes including social, environmental and political narratives. The exhibition was presented in collaboration with the artist and Bathurst Regional Art Gallery.

The second summer exhibition at the Gallery focused on the works of 38 of this country's best political cartoonists. Titled *BEHIND THE LINES: Prophecy and Chance* the exhibition consisted of 105 selected political cartoons from the 2021 news cycle. The works in this prestigious exhibition from the Museum of Democracy at Old Parliament House provoked, delighted and amused our visitors. Another prestigious and enjoyable exhibition presented during January/February was *Operation Art* an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead contributing to the wellbeing of sick children and their families by creating work which is uplifting and gives hope to those who spend much of their time at hospital. A Cowra Regional Art Gallery outreach project presented in the Cowra Library.

Images from the Gallery exhibitions and the Young Archie workshops presented during January are opposite.

As mentioned previously the ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2021 – Regional Tour commences at the Art Gallery on the 19 March to 1 May 2022. The Archibald Prize is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art awards featuring portraits by some of the most prominent artists in the country.

Myself and the Gallery team look forward to seeing you at the Gallery.

Until next time.

Brian Langer
Gallery Director

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



Top to bottom: 1: Young Archie Portraiture Workshop participants enjoy a tour of the *ADRIENNE DOIG: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME!* Exhibition. **2:** Workshop artists with their finished portraiture artworks. **3:** Nanette Louchart-Fletcher, Head of Exhibitions, Interpretations & Engagement, Museum of Australian Democracy led a talk through the *Behind the Lines* 2021 exhibition. **4.** Gallery visitors enjoying the exhibition *Behind the Lines* 2021.

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YOUNG ARCHIE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION



During the January school holidays the Gallery hosted six Young Archie Portraiture Workshops for young artists aged 5-18. We started each workshop with a tour of the amazing ADRIENNE DOIG: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME! exhibition before practicing the basics of portraiture and creating individual artworks. We were blown away by the creativity and talent of all the participants and can't wait to show off their masterpieces in the upcoming Cowra Young Archie Exhibition.

The Cowra Young Archie competition is part of the 2021 Archibald Prize Regional Tour that will be on display at Cowra Regional Art Gallery from Saturday 19 March until Sunday 1 May 2022.

The winners from each of the 4 age categories (5-8 years, 9-12 years, 13-15 years and 16-18 years) will be announced on Friday 22 April 2022 and the finalists will be displayed at the Cowra Library from 22 April to 21 May 2022. All entries will also be displayed in an online exhibition on the Gallery website.

Congratulations and thank you to all the young artists who attended the school holiday workshops and who entered the Cowra Young Archie competition.

Images left to right:

1: Lily White, *Kindest mother*, Age 8. 2: Eve Casey, *My Auntie*, Age 9. 3: Janet Cheng, *Wagadhanny - dancer*, Age 15.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery offers a unique and rewarding opportunity to experience the Gallery's exhibitions and public programs first-hand. It's a great way to get involved with art and our community, while gaining valuable experience within a cultural organisation.

Does this sound like an opportunity you'd like to be involved in?

For more information and to apply to be a volunteer please visit our website:

www.cowraartgallery.com.au/volunteer and complete a Volunteer Application Form.

FOLLOW US

Find us, like us and follow us for exhibition insights, extra resources and important updates to the Gallery program.

The Gallery can now be found on Instagram too!

Follow us at
@cowraregionalartgallery



GALLERY WEBSITE

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery website contains up to date information on our exhibition program, public events and workshops, Gallery collection and more. Continue your gallery experience online with exhibition commentary, films and interviews. Discover works from the *Calleen Collection* alongside historical research and engaging essays. And keep informed on important Gallery information such as our COVID-19 Conditions of Entry.
www.cowraartgallery.com.au

EXHIBITION PROGRAM

19 MARCH TO 1 MAY 2022

Archibald Prize 2021 - Regional Tour

Anticipated by artists and audiences alike, the annual Archibald Prize is Australia's favourite portrait prize. First awarded in 1921, it is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art awards featuring portraits by some of the most prominent artists in the country. The Archibald Prize exhibition is a who's who of Australian culture – from politicians to celebrities, sporting heroes to artists.

Don't miss your chance to see the Archibald Prize 2021 at the only venue in the Central West during its regional tour in NSW in 2022.

Image: Archibald Prize 2021 winner Peter Wegner
'Portrait of Guy Warren at 100' (detail) oil on canvas,
120.5 x 151.5cm. Courtesy the artist Photo AGNSW,
Felicity Jenkins Sitter: Guy Warren.



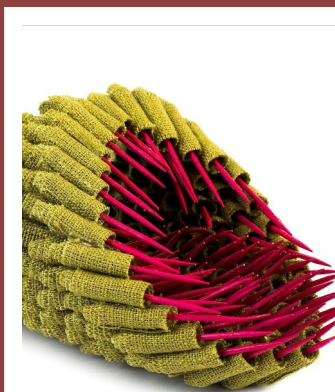
22 APRIL TO 21 MAY 2022 - COWRA LIBRARY

Cowra Young Archie Competition and Exhibition

The Cowra Young Archie competition celebrates the creativity of young artists between the ages of five and 18 from LGAs surrounding Cowra. This years entries explore portraiture with artists encouraged to paint a portrait of someone special to them. Finalists will be exhibited in the Cowra Library and all entries will be included in an online exhibition on the Gallery website. A Gallery Outreach Project in partnership with the Art Gallery of NSW and ANZ Bank.



15 MAY TO 19 JUNE 2022

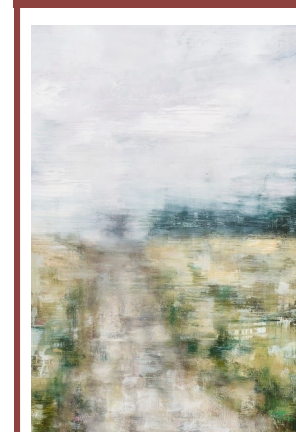


Baltic Mini Textiles

Launched in 1993 in Gdynia, Poland, the Baltic Mini Textile Gdynia exhibition is one of Europe's leading reviews of textile miniatures. Toured by Warwick Art Gallery.

Image: Henryka AREMBA
(Poland/Denmark) *Resistance*
2016, own technique, linen, wood

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The Collection in Focus - Women Artists

This showcase exhibition is a unique opportunity to celebrate the breadth and diversity of artwork produced by women in the Gallery Collection.

Image: Joanna Logue, *Taralga Track*
(detail) 2008, oil on canvas, 240 x
160cm. Donated through the cultural
Gift Program 2011. 2011.1



77 Darling Street, Cowra NSW 2794 **ADMISSION FREE**

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm. Sunday 2pm-4pm (10am-2pm during Archibald Prize 2021) **Tel:** (02) 6340 2190

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Please check the Gallery website before visiting.



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